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Xpress Announces Service Changes to Routes 408 and 482 Effective January 1, 2021 Service changes to routes made to ensure greater efficiency and right-size service

ATLANTA – Today, the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) announced service changes to Xpress Commuter Service Routes 408 and 482. Changes were approved during the ATL's December 2020 meeting and become effective January 1, 2021.

"The Xpress commuter service has a goal of providing transportation options that address capacity issues on Georgia's most congested highways," said Chris Tomlinson, ATL Executive Director. "Our transit operations are regularly evaluated to improve efficiency and customer service. The decision to change these routes follows an extensive review of rider data, public feedback and other contributing factors. We expect that the recommended service changes will provide a more reliable commute for our valued customers."

Xpress has 27 routes in 12 metro Atlanta counties that carry more than 1.8 million passenger trips annually to and from major employment centers in Downtown, Midtown, and Perimeter Center.

Xpress Route 408 operates weekdays (Monday – Friday) along State Route 141. It connects customers traveling between the Johns Creek, Peachtree Corners and the Chamblee MARTA Station. In 2021, these customers will be serviced by alternate bus routes provided by MARTA and Gwinnett County Transit (GCT).

Xpress Route 482 operates weekdays (Monday – Friday) and connects customers traveling between the Town Center Park & Ride and Perimeter Center. In 2021, these customers will be serviced by alternate bus routes served by Xpress routes 480 or 483 into Downtown or Midtown Atlanta, with convenient transfers to MARTA rail.

Route 408 and 482 customers should not purchase fare passes for service after December 30, 2020. Information will be available at <a href="https://www.XpressGA.com">www.XpressGA.com</a> on December 8, 2020 to assist customers with selecting alternate transportation options. Customer service representatives will be available Monday – Friday from 5:30 A.M. – 8:30 P.M. at 844-XPRSSGA (977-7742). Riders may also sign up for alerts by texting XPRESS to 888777.

## **About the Xpress Transit System**

The Xpress regional commuter transit system is operated by the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL). The ATL was created by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session to provide coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. The ATL is responsible for developing the ATL Regional Transit Plan, as well as identifying and prioritizing the projects and initiatives required to develop region-wide transit. The ATL is also charged with creating a unified regional transit system brand. Effective July 1, 2020, the ATL was legislatively authorized to oversee the state's Xpress regional commuter transit system and the Atlanta region's vanpool system. The population of metro Atlanta is growing rapidly and projected to add an additional 2.5 million residents by 2040. The ATL is a critical step towards more efficient and effective transit and mobility in the region. For more information on Xpress and the ATL, visit <a href="https://atltransit.ga.gov/">https://atltransit.ga.gov/</a> and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.